

COMMODORES REGATTA

30th May 2020

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Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

The event is organised by Dabchicks Sailing Club.

2. Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, The 2020 West Mersea Yacht Club and Dabchicks Sailing Club Joint Cruiser Racing Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions, & this Notice of Race.

3. Eligibility

The event is open to keelboats subject to the following conditions:-

3.1 Local Handicap Cruisers and White Sail Cruisers must comply with all the provisions of the 2020 Joint Cruiser Racing Notice of Race and Sailing instructions.

3.2 Handicaps for Local Handicap Cruisers

Will be issued by The Joint Handicap Committee.

3.3 Handicaps for White Sail Cruisers

Will be in accordance with the latest NHC.

3.4 Local Handicap, White sail Combined start

All fleets will start race one together.

- 3.5 A Sportsboat is defined as:-
 - △ A keelboat with a LH rating between 839 & 951
 - △ A maximum Length (HL) of 9.5 metres.
 - A displacement to length ratio (DLR) of 160 or less.

 (see https://ircrating.org/19-technical/faqs/507-dlr-info)
 - A Boats outside these limits may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Joint Sailing Committee.

4. Schedule of Races

Subject to prevailing or forecast weather conditions the following schedule is intended:-

- **4.1** Local Handicap; there will be two races, target time 60 minutes each, round the cans starting from the Nass line. The first start will be at 14.00hrs. The second race will start asap after the first race
- **4.2** White Sail Cruisers; there will be one race, target time 100minutes, round the cans starting from the Nass line. The start will be 14.10 hrs.

5. Scoring

- **5.1** The Commodores Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner calculated by LH.
- **5.2** Where two races have been completed the results of both races will be combined to provide an overall result.

6. Prizes

- **6.1** The prize giving will take place in Dabchicks SC after racing.
- **6.2** Prizes will be awarded for Local Handicap and White Sail competitors.
- **6.3** Fleet Prizes for Local Handicap competitors may be awarded.

7. Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organisers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

8. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.